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Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Boyce et al.

Claims 1, 5, 9 and 13 have been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled Claims 2, 6, 10 and 14 respectively.

In view of this, all of the currently pending claims now recite "selecting transform coefficients included in a predetermined area of the blocks associated with the B-frames".

In column 6, lines 43-50, Boyce et al. discloses:

"...the preparser 112 limits the number of DCT coefficients used to represent a macroblock and/or a block of a macroblock to a preselected number and also limits the number of bits per macroblock and/or a block of a macroblock by removing the highest order DCT coefficients associated with a received macroblock..."

Based on the above disclosure, it is evident that Boyce et al. only either limits the DCT coefficients to a predetermined number or removes the highest order DCT coefficients. In view of this, Boyce et al. does not disclose "selecting transform coefficients included in a predetermined area of the blocks associated with the B-frames", as required by the claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this feature is not anticipated by Boyce et al.

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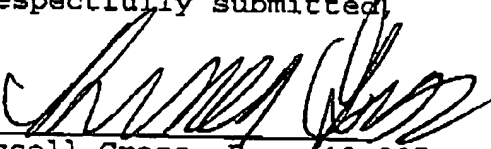
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Further, new claims 17-20 recite additional features not anticipated by Boyce et al. Support for these claims can be found on page 6 of the present application.

In view of the above-described distinctions, it is respectfully submitted that the invention of Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11-13 and 15-20 is not anticipated Boyce et al. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn so that the present application may proceed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted

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